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SUBJ: LEAFLETS TELLS OF STRUGGLE LAST FALL IN SZECHUAN

- 1. CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS PASSED US COPY OF LEAFLET RECEIVED LAST WEEK AS INSERT IN MAGAZINE MAILED FROM NEW YORK. DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1976, LEAFLET ISSIGNED BY THE CHUNGKING 815 RED GUARD JOINT COMMAND AND TELLS OF ARMED STRUGGLES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SZECHUAN DURING THE AFTERMATH OF THE OCTOBER PURGE OF THE "GANG OF FOUR".
- 2. ACCORDING TO THELEAFLET, A GROUP OF BAD ELEMENTS AND AN "OPPOSE TO THE END" FACTION, LED BY PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE MEMBER TENG HSING-KUO, STIRRED UP TROUBLE IN CHUNGKING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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TO OPPOSE THE NEW PEKING LEADERSHIP HEADED BY HUA KUO-FENG. SPECIFICALLY,

---ON OCTOBER 19, A GROUP OF CHIANGLING MACHINERY
FACTORY WORKERS BEAT UP MEMBERS OF THE 815 COMMAND,
TRASHED THE PARTY OFFICE NEARBY AND STOLE WEAPONS AND
SECRET FILES, FORCING A WORK STOPPAGE IN THE FACTORY.

- ---ON OCTOBER 22, WORKERS FROM ANOTHER FACTORY OCCUPIED A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BURNED DOWN ONE OF ITS BUILDING, KILLING OR WOUNDING 34 PEOPLE.
- ---ON OCTOBER 25, DURING A MASS RALLY TO DENOUNCE THE GANG OF FOUR, THE DIEHARDS ATTACKED AND KILLED OR WOUNDED OVER 120 PARTICIPANTS, AND THEN ATTACKED PLA TROOPS WHO HAD ARRIVED TO RESTORE ORDER.
- 3. THE LEAFLET CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE 815 COMMAND TOOK ACTION TO AVENGE THESE DEEDS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHUNGKING SECURITY COMMAND, AND WILL NOT DISBAND ITS FORCES UNTIL IT HAS ACHIEVED FINAL VISTORY.
- 4. COMMENT: LANGUAGE AND TENOR OF LEAFLET PROVIDE NO FIRM GROUNDS FOR DOUBTING ITS AUTHENTICITY, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY OF TAIWAN OR OTHER OUTSIDE AUTHORSHIP CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. EVENTS DESCRIBED ARE SIMILAR TO DISTURBANCES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN PAOTING, WUHAN AND ELSEWHERE IN AFTERMATH OF THE FALL OF THE GANG OF FOUR.

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